

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, immediately following the title, please insert the following:

Field of the Invention

On page 1, after line 5, please insert the following:

Background of the Invention

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 20 through line 29 with the following rewritten paragraph.

A dog halter mounted around the nose and neck of the dog is also known. A neck loop is attached to a nose loop by cheek straps running between the neck and nose loops and a chin strap running between the neck loop and a cinch around the nose loop under the jaw of the dog. A lead is attached to the loop which passes through the cinch. Such a halter is sold under the registered trade mark HALTI®. This halter allows a dog to be restrained without discomfort to the dog and to be guided to the left or right, as the ~~dog's~~ dog's head can be turned to the left or right by pulling on the lead.

On page 2, after line 8, please insert the following:

Summary of the Invention

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 25 through line 32 with the following rewritten paragraph.

Particularly preferably, the harness includes a ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link, one end of which is mounted on the chest strap and the other end of which is adapted to be attached in use of the harness to a collar around the neck of the animal. More preferably, the ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link is slidably mounted on the chest strap for movement therealong, and yet more preferably the attachment for a leading strap and the ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link are connected so as to move together along the chest strap.

On page 3, after line 14, please insert the following:

Brief Description of the Drawings

On page 3, after line 26, please insert the following:

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 4, line 10 through line 23 with the following rewritten paragraphs.

A ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link consists of a ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing strap 32 attached to the cinch ring 26 and an openable spring clip 34 on the free end of the ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing strap 32. The ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing strap 32 is of such a length that when it is in place on a dog, the clip 34 can be attached to a ring 36 which is slidable on the collar 38 of a dog 40, as can be seen in Figure 3, so that in use the chest strap 12 is retained in the correct position across the chest of the dog 40.

The chest 12, back 18 and lower 20 straps of the harness are provided with length adjusters 44 so that the harness can accommodate a range of sizes of dogs; the ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing strap 32 can also be provided with an adjuster.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 5, line 1 through line 34 with the following rewritten paragraphs.

The clip 34 on the end of the ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing strap 32 is attached to a ring 36 slidable on a collar 38 around the neck of the dog. The ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link 32, 34 helps to maintain the chest strap 12 in the correct position across the chest of the dog. A lead 30 is attached to the lead ring 28 on the chest strap 12.

When a dog wearing the harness 10 is being walked, the lead 30 can be held to either the left or right side of the dog. In normal forward walking, the cinch ring 26 and the lead ring 28 will lie midway across the chest of the dog. If the dog pulls against the lead, it is readily restrained; the ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link 32; and clip 34 ~~prevents~~ prevent the chest strap 12 from slipping back on the chest of the dog in this situation. It has been found that a dog wearing a harness according to the invention is less likely to pull against the lead than if it is being led otherwise.

To turn the dog in the direction of the side of the dog to which the lead passes, the lead is pulled gently in that direction. This causes the back strap 18 to apply gentle pressure to the dog in the region of its opposite shoulder and the dog is encouraged to turn toward the lead. At the same time, slippage of the harness 10 around the body of the dog is avoided by the lead ring 26 and the cinch ring 24, and so the ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link 32; and clip 34, sliding along the chest strap 12 of the harness in the direction in which the lead is being pulled. The arrangement of the cinch ring 24 and the lead ring 26 means that the rings do not slide entirely freely on the chest strap 12, but slide sufficiently to avoid slippage of the harness while gentle pressure is applied to the opposite shoulder of the dog by the back strap 18. The chest strap 12 is restrained against backward movement on the ~~dog's~~ dog's chest by the ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link 32, 34.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 6, line 12 through line 28 with the following rewritten paragraphs.

The pivot rings 16 in the trunk loop 14 to which the chest 12, back 18 and lower 20 straps are attached allow the straps to move relative to each other without distortion.

The harness can flex as the dog moves while the straps remain substantially flat on the ~~dog=s~~ dog's body.

The harness 60 of the second preferred embodiment of the invention shown in figures 4, 5 and 6 of the drawings is also for a dog. This harness 60 of this embodiment comprises a chest strap 62 each end of which is attached to a trunk loop 64. The ends of the chest strap 62 pass through loops 66 in the trunk loop 64 and are attached to adjusters 100 on the chest strap to secure the chest strap to the trunk loop. The trunk loop 64 comprises a back strap 68 continuous with a lower strap 70. The lower strap 70 includes a clasp 72 by which the trunk loop 64 can be opened.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 4 through line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph.

In this embodiment the ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link consists of an openable spring clip 84 attached to the cinch ring 76. The spring clip 84 is of such a length that when in place on a dog, it can be attached to a ring 86 which is slidable on the collar 88 of a

dog 90, as can be seen in Figure 3, so that in use the chest strap 62 is in the correct position across the chest of the dog 90.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 8, line 1 through page 9, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraphs.

The ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link clip 84 is attached to a ring 86 slidable on a collar 88 around the neck of the dog. The ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link clip 84 helps to maintain the chest strap 62 in the correct position across the chest of the dog. A lead 80 is attached to the first lead ring 78 on the chest strap 62 and to the second lead ring 108 on the back strap 68. The harness 60 of this embodiment is particularly well suited to use with a single lead 80 having a clip for attachment to a lead ring at each end. The harness of this embodiment is used to control a dog in much the same way as the harness of the first preferred embodiment. When a dog wearing the harness 60 is being walked, the lead 80 can be held so that the end portion attached to the first lead ring 78 on the chest strap 62 is to either the left or right side of the dog. In normal forward walking, the cinch ring 76 and the first lead ring 78 will lie midway across the chest of the dog. If the dog pulls against the lead, it is readily restrained; the ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link clip 84 prevents the chest strap 62 from slipping back on the chest of the dog in this situation.

To turn the dog in the direction of the side of the dog to which the lead passes, the lead is pulled gently in that direction. This causes the back strap 78 to apply gentle pressure to the dog in the region of its opposite shoulder and the dog is encouraged to turn toward the lead. At the same time, the lead 80 is held relatively close to the end attached to the second lead ring 108 on the back strap 68 so that the dog pivots about that end of the lead as it turns. Slippage of the harness 60 around the body of the dog is avoided by the lead ring 76 and the cinch ring 74, and so the ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link clip 84, sliding along the chest strap 62 of the harness in the direction in which the lead is being pulled, and by the action of the lead 80 on the second lead ring 108 and so on the back strap 68. The arrangement of the cinch ring 74 and the first lead ring 76 means that the rings do not slide entirely freely on the chest strap 62, but slide sufficiently to avoid slippage of the harness while gentle pressure is applied to the opposite shoulder of the dog by the back portion 78 of the trunk loop 64. The chest strap 62 is restrained against backward movement on the ~~dog's~~ dog's chest by the ~~stabilising~~ stabilizing link clip 84.